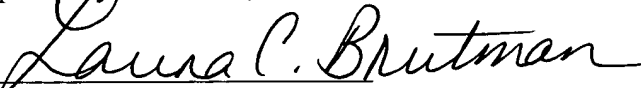


Thus, it is clear that none of the applied references, either alone or in combination, suggests the design of a clinical trial, as required by the claims. Thus each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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